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New 2,3-diaminophenol derivatives, useful as coupler components in the oxidative dyeing of keratin fibers in light- and wash-fast shades

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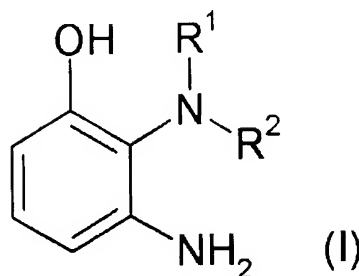
#### NOVELTY

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#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

2,3-Diaminophenol derivatives of formula (I) or their physiologically-acceptable water-soluble salts are new:

D(8-B6) E(5-E1, 6-A2E, 7-A1, 7-A2E, 7-D, 7-E3, 10-A15A, 10-A15E, 10-A18A, 10-A24A, 10-B1A1, 10-B1A2, 10-B2A1, 10-B2A3, 26-A3)



R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> = H, 2-6C optionally unsaturated alkyl, acetyl, 1-4C alkoxy, hydroxyalkyl, aminoalkyl, dimethylaminoalkyl, acetylaminoalkyl, cyanoalkyl, carboxyalkyl or aminocarbonylalkyl, 2-4C dihydroxyalkyl, 1-4C alkoxy-1-4C alkyl, pyridylmethyl, furyl, tetrahydrofuryl, methylfuryl, methyltetrahydrofuryl, substituted pyridyl or a group of formula (II) - (IV) or R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> together with

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the N atom form a heterocyclic group of formula (V) - (VIII), with the proviso that at least one of R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> is not H;

R<sup>3</sup> = H, carboxyl or aminocarbonyl;

R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> = H, OH, aminocarbonyl, methylthiomethyl, phenyl substituted by phenyl or OH, N-morpholinyl, N-pyrrolidonyl or n-imidazolyl;

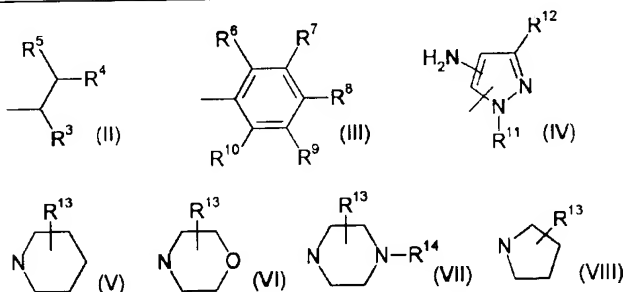
R<sup>6</sup>-R<sup>10</sup> = H, halogen, CN, OH, 1-4C alkoxy, hydroxyalkoxy, alkylthio or hydroxyalkyl, 1-4C hydroxyalkoxy-1-4C alkyl, mercapto, NO<sub>2</sub>, amino, mono- or di-alkylamino, hydroxyalkylamino, di(hydroxyalkyl)amino, (dihydroxyalkyl)amino, (hydroxyalkyl)alkylamino, CF<sub>3</sub>, formyl, acetyl, trifluoroacetyl, trimethylsilyl or 2-4C dihydroxyalkyl or two adjacent R<sup>6</sup>-R<sup>10</sup> groups form an -O-CH<sub>2</sub>-O- group;

R<sup>11</sup> = H or 1-4C alkyl or hydroxyalkyl;

R<sup>12</sup> = H or 1-6C alkyl;

R<sup>13</sup> = H, OH, carboxy, aminocarbonyl or 1-4C alkoxy; and

R<sup>14</sup> = H or 1-6C alkyl.



#### USE

Claimed use is together with developers in the oxidative dyeing of keratin fibers, especially human hair, the amount of (I) being 0.005-20 wt. %.

#### ADVANTAGE

The new couplers give intense dyeing with high light- and wash-fastness when used in combination with known developers. Preparation is by known methods, e.g. by coupling Br-substituted 3-

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aminophenol derivatives with primary or secondary amines, followed by splitting off the protective group, or by reduction of the corresponding nitro compound.

#### SPECIFIC COMPOUNDS

14 Compounds (I) are specifically claimed e.g. 3-amino-2-(3-aminophenylamino)phenol, 3-amino-2-pyrrolidin-1-yl-phenol, 1-(6-amino-2-hydroxyphenyl)-piperidin-4-ol and 3-amino-2-(2-methoxyethylamino)-phenol.

#### EXAMPLE

A composition (10 g), which when used with 6% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> solution (10 g) to treat hair for 30 minutes at 40°C, gave a brown-gray shade, comprised 3-amino-2-(2-hydroxyethylamino)phenol dihydrochloride (1.25 mmol); 2,5-diaminotoluene sulfate (1.25 mmol); 28% aqueous solution of lauryl ethersulfate (10 g); 22% aqueous ammonia (9 g); EtOH (7.8 g); ascorbic acid (0.3 g); di-Na ethylenediaminetetraacetate (0.3 g); and water (balance to 100 g).

#### TECHNOLOGY FOCUS

Organic Chemistry - Preferred Compositions: Oxidative dyes containing (I) as couplers have pH 6.5-11.5 and may also contain a direct dye, the total amount of coupler + developer being 0.005-20 wt. %. Among the 57 developers listed in the claims are 1,4-diaminobenzene, 4-dimethylamino-aniline, 1,4-bis[(4-aminophenol)amino]-butane, 4-amino-2-Me-phenol, 2,4,5,6-tetraaminopyrimidine, 4,4-diamino-1-Me-1H-pyrazole and 1,2,4-trihydroxybenzene.  
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